MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether among the Hindus, Ezhavas are also included?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It includes all Hindus.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Are there Hindu Ezhavas? There are Ezhavas who do not claim to be Hindus. Are they also included?

PRESIDENT: Have the Government announced so? Let us not enter into that very delicate question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether Government generally post officers in hill stations as a matter of very light punishment?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Pay of Munshis in V. M. Schools.

37. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a circular in the Education Department limiting the scale to Rs. 22 for Munshis in V. M. Schools who have not passed the Upadhyaya examination or some other examination equivalent to Upadhyaya and who were formerly in the scale of Rs 20 to 25;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Munshi examination held in 1090 will be considered equivalent to the Upadhyaya examination for purposes of increment; and

(*c*) the number of Munshis in V. M. Schools who have passed the Munshi examination?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) There is a G. O. fixing a bar at Rs. 22 for Munshis in the V. M. Schools who have not passed the Upadhyaya or an equivalent examination.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

(*c*) Six.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to part (*a*) may I know when that circular was issued?

MR. C. V. CHADRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): In 1929.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether the six persons are appointed as a result of the G. O. or independent of the G. O.?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, as things stand at present. The matter is under consideration.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know which examinations are considered equivalent to the Upadhyaya examination?

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MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): That point is under consideration.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know what these Munshis teach?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): They are Sanskrit Munshis.

Rail way from Trivandrum to Nagercoil.

38. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount already spent by Government in connection with the preliminary survey for the proposed railway from Trivandrum to Nagercoil;

(*b*) the year when this preliminary survey was conducted; and

(*c*) the object of Government in conducting this preliminary survey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 38,719-13-8.

(*b*) 1923 and 1924.

(*c*) To construct the line when Government find it necessary.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether when the preliminary survey was made, Government had any intention to execute the work in the near future?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Not immediately.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member what actuated the Government to spend an amount of Rs. 38,719-13-8 as early as 1923 without executing the work till now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given in part (*c*) to construct the line when Government find it necessary.

Anchal Office at Palayamkunnu in the Chirayinkil taluk.

39. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before them to abolish the Anchal Office at Palayamkunnu, Chirayinkil taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to (*a*), the question does not arise.

Veluthedattu Nairs and Public Service.

40. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Veluthedattu Nairs in the State who have passed the B. A. Degree examination;

(*b*) whether they have received applications or memorials from such graduates praying for employment in Government service;

(*c*) if so, whether they have been favourably considered; and

(*d*) if not, the reason therefor?

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